Listing of Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Cancelled).

2. (Currently Amended) The method ~~Method~~ according to claim ~~1~~ 18, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein depressions ~~(2, 23)~~ are embossed into the band-shaped support material ~~(1)~~ in order to form a channel suitable for capillary liquid transport.

3. (Currently Amended) The method ~~Method~~ according to claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the depressions ~~(2, 23)~~ are embossed transversely with respect to the direction of advance ~~(39)~~ of the band-shaped support material ~~(1)~~.

4. (Currently Amended) The method ~~Method~~ according to claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein, on both sides of the depressions ~~(2)~~, individual puncturing/measuring disposable bodies ~~(6)~~ are separated in sections from the band-shaped support material ~~(1)~~ along virtual separating lines ~~(5)~~.

5. (Currently Amended) The method ~~Method~~ according to claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the virtual separating lines ~~(5)~~ are chosen in accordance with a predeterminable, selectable division ~~(12)~~.

6. (Currently Amended) The method ~~Method~~ according to claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the depressions ~~(2)~~ in the band-shaped support material ~~(1)~~ are designed with a rounding ~~(34)~~ at a base of the depression ~~bottom (4)~~.

7. (Currently Amended) The method ~~Method~~ according to claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the depressions ~~(2)~~ in the band-shaped support material ~~(1)~~ are designed with a depression base ~~(4)~~ which has a triangular contour ~~(35)~~.

8. (Currently Amended) The method ~~Method~~ according to claim ~~1~~ 18, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the forming step includes the step of forming recesses that define the puncturing points on one face of the band-shaped support material, the recesses ~~(11) on~~

~~the first face~~ ~~(9) are~~ being punched out or cut out from the band-shaped support material ~~(1)~~, with first and second edges ~~(14, 15)~~ being formed.

9. (Currently Amended) The method ~~Method~~ according to claim ~~1~~ 8, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the recesses ~~(11)~~ on the first face ~~(9)~~ of the band-shaped support material ~~(1)~~ are produced so as to be symmetrical with respect to the separating lines ~~(5)~~.

10. (Currently Amended) The method ~~Method~~ according to claim 8, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the first and second edges ~~(14, 15)~~ of the recesses ~~(11)~~ defining the puncturing points ~~(16)~~ are ground.

11. (Currently Amended) The method ~~Method~~ according to claim ~~1~~ 18, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the puncturing points ~~(16) formed on the first face (9) of the band-shaped support material (1)~~ are provided with a soft plastic cover ~~(18)~~ covering them.

12. (Currently Amended) The method ~~Method~~ according to claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein a coating ~~(21)~~ covering the depressions ~~(2)~~ and ~~the~~ material containing the detection element ~~(22)~~ are applied to the band-shaped support material ~~(1)~~ in one work step.

13. (Currently Amended) The method ~~Method~~ according to ~~claims~~ claim 2 ~~and 11~~, ~~characterized in that the~~ wherein a coating ~~(21)~~ covering the depressions ~~(2)~~ and ~~the~~ a material containing the detection element ~~(22)~~ are applied to the band-shaped support material ~~(1)~~ one after the other.

14. (Currently Amended) The method ~~Method~~ according to claim ~~1~~ 19, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein individual puncturing/measuring disposable bodies ~~(6)~~ are separated singly or in groups from the band-shaped support material ~~(1)~~ transversely with respect to the direction of advance ~~(39)~~ along the separating lines ~~(5)~~.

15. (Currently Amended) The method ~~Method~~ according to claim 14, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein, in the case of individual puncturing/measuring disposable bodies ~~(6)~~ being separated from the band-shaped support material ~~(1)~~ in groups along the separating lines

(5), perforations are formed to make handling easier.

16. (Currently Amended) The method Method according to claims claim 6, characterized in that wherein the depression base (4) of the depressions (2) is provided with a hydrophilic coating which improves the wetting behaviour of a liquid reservoir (32).

17. (Currently Amended) The method Method according to claim 1 18, characterized in that wherein a material containing the detection element (22) is applied to the band-shaped support material (1) near the puncturing point (16) points.

18. (Currently Amended) A method Method for producing combined puncturing and measuring devices for detection of an analyte in liquid, including a support (1) and a detection element (22), the method comprising the following method steps:

forming puncturing points (16) on a band-shaped support material (1),

sealing the puncturing points (16),

sterilizing the puncturing points (16) and/or the band-shaped support material (1), and

applying a detection element (22) to the band-shaped support material (1).

19. (Currently Amended) A combined Combined puncturing and measuring device for detection of an analyte in liquid, produced in particular according to claim 1 21, characterized in that wherein the individual puncturing/measuring disposable bodies (6) have a puncturing point (16) which is provided with a soft plastic cover (18) and comprise a detection element (22) which is applied to the individual puncturing/measuring disposable body (6) after the latter has been sterilized and/or sealed.

20. (Currently Amended) The combined Combined puncturing and measuring device according to claim 19, characterized in that wherein the detection element (22) is applied to a channel which has been embossed as a depression (2, 23) in the individual puncturing/measuring disposable body (6) and which is suitable for capillary liquid transport.

21. (New) The method according to claim 18, further comprising the step of separating individual puncturing/measuring disposable bodies from the band-shaped support material.